



Hearings Aug. 22, Aug. 26

BoA proposes \$0.4860 tax

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen, on a 4-1 vote at a special meeting Aug. 12, have proposed a property tax rate of \$0.4860 per \$100 valuation to fund the fiscal year 2025 budget. The tax rate is composed of \$0.3019 for maintenance and operations and \$0.1841 for debt service costs.

Alderman Zach Hurst made the motion, which received a second from alderman Michael MacDonald. They were joined by alderman Jasen Graham in voting in favor of the proposed tax rate. Mayor pro tem Rodney Bell voted against the proposed tax rate.

The board also confirmed two public hearing dates. The Village will con-

duct a public hearing on the proposed FY 2025 budget at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Village Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. The Village will conduct a public hearing on the proposed tax rate at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Village Municipal Building.

The tax rate is a 23.13% increase over the current tax rate of \$0.3947. The current tax rate is divided into \$0.1786 for maintenance and operation expenses and \$0.2161 for debt service.

According to the Bell County Appraisal District, the average homestead taxable value for the Village of Salado increased by 12.08%, from \$312,263 in 2023 to \$350,015 in 2024.

If the proposed tax rate is approved by aldermen on Aug. 26, the tax on the aver-

age homestead will increase by 38.01%. The tax on the average homestead in 2023 was \$1,232. The tax on the average homestead in 2024 will be \$1,701.

The total tax levy for the Village of Salado will be \$1,851,555, if the proposed tax rate is adopted by aldermen and if no petition for a ratification election is filed. Of that, \$1,150,000.00 will be for general operations and \$701,480 will be for debt service.

The proposed tax rate is just below the de minimus rate of \$0.4865 per \$100. The de minimus rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for the Village of Salado, the rate that will raise \$500,000 and the current debt rate for the Village of Salado.

Village moves funds to boost depleted fund balances

By TIM FLEISCHER
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In July, the Village of Salado transferred \$379,600 from its Wastewater Permanent Improvement Bonds fund to the Wastewater Operating fund and then from that fund to the General Operating fund.

With the transfers, the Village general operating checking accounts totaled \$811,543.14 as of July 31. Those accounts totaled \$419,266.17 as of June 30. In July, the Village also received a large payment from Texas Parks & Wildlife as part of the \$150,000 grant for the All Abilities Playground.

In its operating receivables, the Village anticipates another \$340,144 in FY 2024 revenue.

The July 2024 financial report, part of the consent agenda for the 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15 board of aldermen meeting, shows that thus far in FY 2024 the Village has spent \$672,924.88 more than it has earned in general operating revenues, including \$388,545.28 transferred from the general operating fund to the All Abilities Playground fund and \$572,829.23 in capital street projects. The adopted 2024 FY budget had

\$200,000 in capital street projects expenditures. Most of the funding for the FY 2024 street projects came from the American Relief Act federal funds to the Village.

The July financials report assets of \$1.38 million and liabilities of \$1.05 million to leave the Village with a general fund balance of \$327,583. Of those liabilities, \$996,473 is in escrow deposits from developers. The escrow deposits are shown as a liability in the Village financial reports. The Village does not have to liquid assets to pay that liability at this time.

Of the general operating fund balance, \$218,816 remains due from the wastewater operating fund, which has a negative fund balance of \$128,741.

In July, the Village issued \$138,297.74 in general operating checks, excluding payroll checks.

“Take it out of fund balance,” has been the mantra when the Village has adopted deficit budgets or taken on special projects.

The first deficit budget was in FY 2020. Those deficit budgets have grown every year since.

Village aldermen adopted the FY 2020 budget Sept.

19, 2019 with a deficit of \$40,000 for a general operating budget of \$1.33 million in expenses.

Village aldermen adopted the FY 2021 budget Sept. 17, 2020, with a deficit of \$65,175.00 for a general operating budget of \$1.5 million in expenses.

Village aldermen adopted the FY 2022 deficit budget Sept. 16, 2021 with a deficit of \$114,711.96 for a general operating budget of \$1.64 million in expenses.

Village aldermen adopted the FY 2023 budget Sept. 15, 2022 with a deficit of \$300,487.50 for a general operating budget of \$2.29 million in expenses.

Village aldermen adopted the FY 2024 budget Sept. 21, 2023 with a deficit of \$365,912.80 for a general operating budget of \$2.35 million in expenses.

At a town hall meeting Aug. 6, Mayor Bert Henry mentioned a possible forensic audit of Village books to determine how the Village finds itself financially strapped.

The Mayor told an audience at the Salado Civic Center during that town hall meeting that major projects, including the new Village office and police department building are now on hold.



All Abilities Playground Dedication set Aug. 17

The Village of Salado will formally dedicate the All Abilities Playground at Pace Park at 10 a.m. Aug. 17. Children and families have been enjoying the playground since March, when work on it was completed. The public is invited to the dedication ceremony. Shown above are Joey Potter with his daughter Brynn on one of the tandem swings at the playground. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Bell County man will try to break four world records

Christian McLellan, the #8 amateur Scottish Athlete in the USA, will attempt to break the world records in four Scottish Athletic games at 5 p.m. Aug. 17 at Barrow Brewing Company, 108 Royal St., Salado.

McLellan is 28 years old and lives in Killeen. In 2022 he founded Dainty Brutes, a company that seeks to encourage an active lifestyle, overall wellness, and inclusivity in sports. Barrow Brewing Company is a sponsor and supporter of the Salado Scottish Gathering and Highland Games which is held every November in Salado. The brewery agreed to host McLellan's attempts

in order to help the Scottish sports gain more exposure.

McLellan will attempt to break records in four Scottish games: High one-handed keg toss, keg toss for distance, sheaf toss, and two-handed keg toss. In order to break these records, McLellan will need to toss the keg higher than 16 feet, further than 48 feet. His sheaf toss will need to be higher than 60 feet. His two handed toss will have to be further than 26 feet. That record is currently held by The Mountain, Icelandic actor and professional strongman, Hafþór Júlíus Björnsson, known for his role on the HBO series Game of

Thrones. The attempts must be photographed and videoed in order to comply with World Record guidelines. Three judges and two independent witnesses will be on hand for the attempts.

The public is invited to witness this attempt at breaking world records.

The grounds will be roped off and people are asked to respect the space, athlete, and judges in this serious endeavor.

For anyone interested in Scottish Athletics or Strongman competitions, Dainty Brutes ambassadors will be on site to educate and encourage newcomers.

Village sales tax rebate trails trend in county

The Village of Salado is one of two Bell County cities to see a decrease in sales tax rebates for August 2024, when compared to 2023.

The Village will receive \$83,151.90 a decrease of 1.31% compared to last August's payment of \$84,257.08. For the year, the Village is running 5.53% over year-to-date payments in 2023: \$590,931.52 compared to \$559,962.43 through August 2023.

Rogers was the only other Bell County city to show a decline in sales tax rebate in August.

Temple, Killeen and Belton all felt increases of about 5% while Nolanville saw a dramatic increase of 25%.

Bell County showed a 7.18% increase in sales tax revenues compared to the

previous year. The County's August payment is \$3.25 million, compared to \$3.03 million last August.

The Village is one of three Bell County cities to levy a 1-cent sales tax, while seven other Bell County cities levy a 1.5 cent sales tax and Rogers levies a 1.25 cent sales tax.

The Salado Public Library District and Bell County each levy a half-cent sales tax.

For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$70,600.16 August check, which was 4.19% more than last August's payment of \$67,756.04. For the year, the Library District has received \$487,653.96, which is 8.16% more than the \$450,846.21 paid through

Sales tax rebates for August 2024 to Bell County taxing entities

Entity	Rate	August 2024	August 2023	Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change
Belton	1.500%	\$952,401.48	\$899,736.73	5.85%	\$6,283,017.58	\$6,071,670.87	3.48%
Harker Heights	1.500%	\$1,039,720.63	\$1,014,035.41	2.53%	\$7,402,821.89	\$7,537,178.70	-1.78%
Holland	1.000%	\$11,969.22	\$10,986.07	8.94%	\$105,977.10	\$93,571.31	13.25%
Killeen	1.500%	\$3,211,845.70	\$3,070,578.14	4.60%	\$23,482,682.36	\$23,237,213.49	1.05%
Academy	1.000%	\$15,253.81	\$13,568.68	12.41%	\$107,311.71	\$94,732.14	13.27%
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$37,888.87	\$32,417.63	16.87%	\$242,946.18	\$233,401.44	4.08%
Nolanville	1.500%	\$197,249.09	\$157,872.41	24.94%	\$1,265,429.02	\$1,104,955.21	14.52%
Rogers	1.250%	\$20,108.62	\$20,296.46	-0.92%	\$109,455.64	\$112,749.53	-2.92%
Salado	1.000%	\$83,151.90	\$84,257.08	-1.31%	\$590,931.52	\$559,962.43	5.53%
Temple	1.500%	\$3,698,191.58	\$3,542,376.93	4.39%	\$25,099,093.48	\$24,547,162.56	2.24%
Troy	1.500%	\$115,777.58	\$88,606.11	30.66%	\$768,802.21	\$689,665.24	11.47%
Salado Library	0.500%	\$70,600.16	\$67,756.04	4.19%	\$487,652.96	\$450,846.21	8.16%
Bell	0.500%	\$3,248,398.82	\$3,030,599.41	7.18%	\$22,678,581.70	\$22,311,640.49	1.64%

August 2023.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Aug. 7 that he would send \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for August, 0.3 percent less than in August 2023.

These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

The comptroller sent re-

bates totaling \$770.3 million to Texas Cities, a decrease of 0.2% over last August.

The comptroller sent \$251.3 million to transit systems for August, a decrease of 1.2% over August 2023.

Counties received \$74.2

million in sales tax rebate checks, a decrease of 1.3% over August 2023.

Special purpose districts received \$115.6 million in sales tax rebate checks for August, 1.4% less than 2023.

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Bank of Japan's threat to increase interest rates causes market turmoil

The Markets

The markets were anything but boring as the week began. The S&P 500 (SPX) opened Monday at about 5136, around 4% lower than last Friday's close, and ended the day in very much the same condition. Rumors of "1987" abounded as reports were published that Japan's Nikkei 250 dropped the most in a single day since Black Monday in 1987. Few would have guessed that by the end of the week, the Index would close at 5344.16, down a mere 0.04%. That leaves the venerable SPX just over 12% higher than when the year began and nearly 20% higher than a year ago, about the same total gain it has achieved over the last three years. Our other market indicator, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, closed at 2680.50, down 0.32% for the week, up 6.93% this year, and 10.22% higher than at this time last year.

The 10-year US Treasury note yielded 3.94%, up 3.68% from last week. The 1-month T-bill paid an annualized rate of 5.54%, and the 30-year bond 4.23%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) rose 4.57% to \$76.95.

We normally focus on the economy because the markets tend to reflect the economy in the long run. This week, we will focus on markets, and more specifically, the stock market, because there are relatively short periods of time when the stock market moves in opposition to the economy in which it resides, and Monday of this week was one of those times.

It started in Japan. Tokyo time is 13 hours ahead of New York, which is critical in this scenario. On Monday morning, Tokyo time, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) floated the idea that it might raise interest rates from the 0% they have been for over a decade. Using something called the "carry-trade," U.S. speculators have long borrowed money (in Japanese Yen) at 0% interest

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



from the Tokyo exchange, then, through a complex chain of transactions, used that borrowed money to purchase stocks and crypto in the U.S. Because the much higher interest rates in the U.S. had caused the dollar to rise against the yen those carry-trade loans have been profitable for the borrowers. Compounding the issue was the tradition that senior traders take their vacations in August, leaving the junior traders with instructions to avoid losing money while the big boys were away.

The Monday morning announcement by the BoJ immediately triggered a rush to sell stocks on the Tokyo Exchange as purchasing Japanese stocks "on margin" is the first step in getting the carry trade loans to the U.S. markets. The immediate result was a 12.5% single-day drop in the Nikkei 225, following a 5.8% fall on Friday. The Nikkei decline was headlined worldwide before the U.S. markets opened as "The biggest decline in the Nikkei since Black Monday of 1987." As the second-string traders arrived at their desks on Monday morning, they saw that an increased interest rate in Japan would tend to reverse the dollar's rise, hitting carry trade loans with a double whammy. The dollar, in which their highly leveraged assets were held, would fall against the Yen, and, at the same time, they would begin owing interest on those loans.

As the junior carry traders started selling, the other second-string traders assumed the sellers knew something the rest of Wall Street had missed and joined in the rout. That was followed by even more selling as members of the public saw the fall and, like the

traders, figured someone knew something they didn't and panicked. On Tuesday, a "deputy governor" at the BoJ announced the BoJ would not hike interest rates when the financial and capital markets were unstable, and the markets began to recover. As with all such panics, there were a series of aftershocks as some investors reacted with a lag. There was a parallel with Black Monday, though. Funds and strategies that promised to dampen volatility generally failed, just as they did in 1987.

The Economy

Meanwhile, in the real world of the economy, non-farm business sector labor productivity increased by 2.3% in the second quarter, according to the Labor Department, as output increased by 3.3% and hours worked increased by 1.0%. Notably, despite reports that manufacturing slowed, manufacturing productivity increased by 1.8% as output increased by 3.4% and hours worked increased by 1.6%. This is an example of how contradictory some economic data has become. If, as the PMI surveys suggest, manufacturing is producing less, how does output increase 3.4%? We suspect the PMI data, with its large sentiment component, is being distorted by political rhetoric.

Once more, despite Chicken Little's pronouncement that "The sky is falling!" we are forced to report that the U.S. economy is in fine shape and the stock market shows little sign of being in a "bubble." We remain confident it will eventually arrive at the euphoric state of irrational exuberance at some point, but not today.

HATE IS EASY FOR THOSE WHO ONLY VIEW PEOPLE AS STEREOTYPES



Taxpayers will pay cost of Village mismanagement of funds

Dear Editor:

As a lifelong resident of the beautiful Village of Salado I was overwhelmed when I received the information regarding the upcoming tax increase. During a time when we all are facing the ever increasing rise of inflation the news of raised taxes is certainly untimely.

Our roots go deep within the village, and I'm pleased to say that my husband and I are raising our family's fourth generation of Saladons. However, our family of four, along with other families of the community will now literally pay the price for the Village of Salado's

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irresponsible & selfish mismanagement of funds. My question is why are we, as the residents, having to pay this debt back over a year or two when the crisis was made over numerous years.

While we dearly love Salado and consider it a lovely place to raise our children, this current situation is frustrating and extremely disappointing. Members of our commu-

nity deserve better, and that includes having a responsible governing body.

My prayer is that we and other families of Salado will be able to adjust our finances, so that this hit is not detrimental to our households. May God bless this town, and everyone who calls it home.

Sincerely,
Lacey Teran
Salado

Answer the Call, Jury Service Is Essential to Our Democracy

By MIKE HACHTMAN

In this election year, we'll hear much about the importance of voting, but there are additional responsibilities that strengthen our democracy and protect our rights as citizens. It's also critically important to answer the call for jury service.

Every citizen can contribute to fairness and balance in the civil justice system by serving on a jury when called. A robust jury system is essential to protecting our rights as Americans and ensuring all defendants are treated fairly in the courtroom.

Yet, in recent years, many people in Texas and around the country have avoided jury service. National research and previous studies have estimated that fewer than half of those called to serve in some areas of our state and nationally ignore their summons.

Such statistics are abysmal and don't bode well for

our civil or criminal courts. Why aren't people answering the call?

The Pew Research Center found that only half of those ages 18 to 29 say jury service is part of being a good citizen, compared to 70 percent or higher in older age groups.

It's difficult for defendants to receive a trial by a jury of their peers when their peers don't show up. Courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors, and all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service.

We all know time is money.

And over the past decade, more counties have been doing their part to make jury service as painless as possible, offering online scheduling that saves both jurors and courts time and money.

More recently, a new law approaching its one-year anniversary increased juror pay from \$6 to \$20 for the first day of service and \$40 to \$58 per day for those im-

paneled to serve for a trial. Thanks to state lawmakers who passed HB 3474 in the last legislative session, Texas now ranks among the states with the highest pay for jury service.

Serving on a jury is fundamental to our democracy, and jurors who respond when called will receive a pay increase for the first time in nearly 20 years. Texas has removed one more obstacle or excuse not to serve when summoned by increasing juror pay.

The U.S. and Texas constitutions guarantee the right to a trial by jury. A trial by a jury of your peers is a fundamental safeguard of each American's civil liberties and an important component of civic engagement.

Remember, it's important not only to vote but also to serve on a jury. When summoned, answer the call.

Mike Hachtman is Chair of the Board of Directors of Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse, online at tala.com.

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Shown from (l-r) are: Julie Jones, the Executive Director of The Brotherhood Academy; Rebecca Leija, Case Worker of The Brotherhood Academy; and LaNora Miller, Salado Ladies Community League Treasurer. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Ladies League lends helping hand

Salado Ladies Community League proudly presented a check of \$1,500 to The Brotherhood Academy at their August 8 meeting. The Brotherhood Academy is a non-profit General Residential Operation (GRO) that provides a safe and nurturing home for boys and young men in Texas. The mission is to offer a loving and secure environment for boys facing various challenges, such as family issues, homelessness, abuse, or neglect. The Academy's mission is to empower young men with the skills and qualities they need to become strong leaders, loving husbands, and devoted fathers, under the guidance of strong Christian values. The home is situated on a 17-acre private location in Salado. Currently, they serve boys aged 10-17, with plans to expand to accommodate boys aged 18-22 in a transitional house, focusing on life skills, education, and employability. Eventually, the Academy hopes to expand their services to provide a home for infants and young boys aged 0-9, fostering their growth and development. For more information go to Thebrotherhoodacademy.org.



Salado Ladies Community League donated \$3,500 to the Salado College Park Museum for new flooring, paint and blinds for the Lucile A. Robertson Event Center. Shown above are Lynette Jones, Museum Director and Barclay McCort, representing the League. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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SRT working with SMS on Texas history program

The Sons of the Republic of Texas Sterling C Robertson Chapter 22 held their monthly meeting Aug. 10 at Johnny's Steaks & BBQ. Attending the meeting were Chaplain General Mike Young, Jason Medlin, Jacob Barker, Bill Kinnison, David Matthews Jr., Tommie Barker, SRT 22 Vice President Brand Webb and SRT 22 President Larnce Barker. Also, in attendance

was Johnny Shipman membership pending. The local chapter is working with Salado Middle School to develop a program for the Texas History class there. The chapter is also reaching out to local schools to propose using a black powder cannon to start cross country meets. The Quarterly meeting of the Sons of the Republic of Texas will be 8 a.m. Sept. 7 at the Residence Inn, 400 East Central Texas Expressway in Killeen.

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Carson Stephens named to New York Life's Exec. Council

Salado man named to New York Life's Executive Council

Carson Stephens has been named a member of the 2024 Executive Council of New York Life, which recognizes the top 19 percent of New York Life's elite field force of more than 12,000 licensed agents in sales achievement. Dr. Stephens has been a New York Life agent since 2008 and is associated with New York Life's Austin General Office in Austin, TX. He is the owner of Carson Stephens Capital Strategies, a financial planning firm with offices in Austin and Salado.

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Dr. Stephens completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Higher Education Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, his Doctorate from Drew University, Madison, N.J., and his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He currently serves as President of the Board of the Community Band of Central Texas. He has served as President of the Salado Rotary Club and as President of the Colovista Property Owners Association where he presided over the reopening and operation the Colovista Golf Course. He has also been named as a Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table. (The Million Dollar Round Table- MDRT-is the Premier Association of Financial Professions and is recognized globally as the standard of excellence for life insurance sales performance in the insurance and financial services industry.) He currently resides in Salado with his wife, Jeanette.

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“This event promises to be a vibrant showcase of local talent and creativity,” said Richard Paul Thomas, who will act as host both evenings.

The festivities are free and open to the public, offering a lineup of local and regional songwriters. Attendees can expect to be inspired and entertained by award-winning country artist Sarah Pierce, songwriter and farmer Wes Perryman, with special guests Kristen Taylor (Aug. 23) and Melissa Engleman (Aug. 24).



Sarah Pierce performs Aug. 23 and 24.



Kristen Taylor performs Aug. 23.

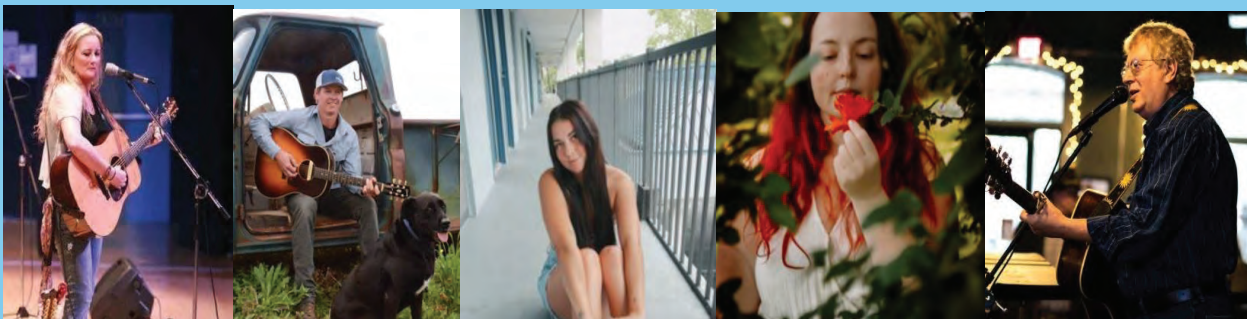


Melissa Engleman performs Aug. 24.



Wes Perryman performs Aug. 23 and 24.

FREE CONCERT



Sarah Pierce

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 Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Pickleball Courts open, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Chair Yoga with Joette Grieco, 9-10 a.m.; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon; Stretching (Beginner Yoga) with Gary, 10:15 a.m.; Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Quilting with Lyna, 1-2 p.m. Crochet with Joette, 1-2:30 p.m.
 Village Artists- knitters, crocheters and stitchers meet, 1-4 p.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.
 Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.
 Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.
 Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
 Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 6 p.m., first Monday of month, Barrow Brewing Co.
 Second Monday Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St.
 Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.

Tuesdays
 Village Artists- artists and crafters meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.
 Knitting Group at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.
 Storytime with Ms. Mia at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. No Storytime the week of Feb. 11-16.
 Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$16.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe. Reservations encouraged.
 Trivia with Rockin Rick, at Chupacabra, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesdays
 Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m.
 Game Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Trivia with Chad on second Wed.
 Wine Down Wednesday at Axis Winery, 4-8 p.m., half-price glasses of wine.
 Wine Down Wednesday at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 5-7 p.m., Half price on select bottles of wine, featured wine by the glass and feature cocktail specials change weekly.
 Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at Chupacabra.
 Word out Wednesday every week at Provecho, 109 Royal St., featuring a different local group and non-profit each week. Most of these WOW groups need volunteers, awareness, and a little cash doesn't hurt. 10% of the daily sales will go to the group of the week. Check out social media for this week's WOW.

Thursdays
 Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Exercise class with Alice Cooper, 9 a.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Learn to Play Mah Jongg, 10 a.m.-noon; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon. Mah Jongg, 12-3 p.m. Beginner or Refresher Bridge, noon-2 p.m. Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Bingo 1-2:30 p.m.
 Kids eat free, 2-5 p.m. at Provecho with purchase of adult entree.
 Pint night at Chupacabra, 4 p.m.-midnight.
 Vinyl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m.
 "Party on the Patio" 7-10 p.m. with live performer Rockin' Rick (karaoke), Axis Winery.
 Teen Writing Group, Salado Public Library, 6 p.m.
 Run Club, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.
 Weekly curated wine tasting hosted by Hannah Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St. Tickets available online through Salado Winery Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3MLXXOA>. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.
 Maxx Carter at Chupacabra, 6-10 p.m.
 Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.
 Run4Beer Group, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.
 Family Night at The Shed, specials on beer and pizzas change every week.
 The Bell County Master Gardener Association holds a free monthly seminar on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Texas Agril-

ife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main in Belton.
 Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution day, 4:30-6 p.m. third Thursday of each month, 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135. Heart and Hands Ministries serve the Salado, Bartlett, and Holland areas. You can register by bringing a valid ID or current bill with an address in our service area. If you are in need of food, they are here to help.

Fridays
 Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. No Storytime the week of Feb. 11-16.
 Fajita Friday at Provecho, 109 Royal St. All you can eat fajitas for \$20.24.
 Special guest performers, 5-8 p.m. at Axis Winery.
 Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

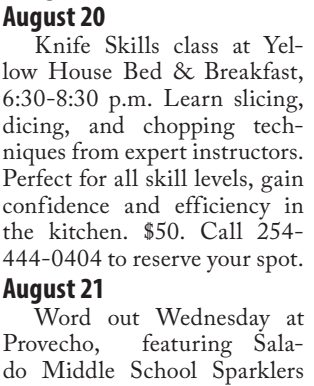
Saturdays
 Asanas and Ales, 9 a.m. every Saturday in the taproom at Barrow Brewing Co.
 Live Music at Axis Winery, 5-8 p.m.
 Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 8 p.m.

Sundays
 Family Fun Day at Axis Winery. Cornhole and other family activities. Live music 3-5 p.m.
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m.

August 15
 Breakfast Basics class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn to master fluffy omelets, crispy bacon, decadent bread pudding, and much more with our experienced chef. Elevate your breakfast game and start your day off right! \$60. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.
August 15
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Welsh Avenue.
August 16
 Knife Skills class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Learn slicing, dicing, and chopping techniques from expert instructors. Perfect for all skill levels, gain confidence and efficiency in the kitchen. \$50. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.
August 16
 DJ Sammy G on the patio of Provecho, 109 Royal St., 7 p.m. Drinks and appetizer special.

August 16
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Alex Pack.
August 16
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Buttongly Duo.
August 17
 Charcuterie Cooking Class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 1:30-3:30 p.m. In addition to learning how to prepare and present cured meats, cheeses, and accompaniments, participants in a charcuterie class also get to take home their own charcuterie board. \$60. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.
August 17
 Christian McLellan, the #8 amateur Scottish Athlete in the USA, will attempt to break the world records in four Scottish Athletic games at 5 p.m. Aug. 17 at Barrow Brewing Company, 108 Royal St., Salado.
August 17
 Live music at Axis Winery, 5-8 p.m., featuring Clayton Lawson.
August 17
 Brenda Lee and The Now] Show Band, 7 p.m., Provecho, 109 Royal St.
August 17
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Wade Ralston.
August 17
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Will Travis Blues Band.
August 18
 Live Music at Axis Winery, 3-5 p.m., harpist Kristin Gibbs.
August 18
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Eley Buck Davis.
August 19
 Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.
August 19
 Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Speaker is Dave McHam, Past Master of Waco Lodge #92.
August 20
 Knife Skills class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn slicing, dicing, and chopping techniques from expert instructors. Perfect for all skill levels, gain confidence and efficiency in the kitchen. \$50. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.
August 21
 Word out Wednesday at Provecho, featuring Salado Middle School Sparklers dance team. 10% of proceeds benefit the WOW group.

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August 21
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August 21
Breakfast Basics class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn to master fluffy omelets, crispy bacon, decadent bread pudding, and much more with our experienced chef. Elevate your breakfast game and start your day off right! \$60. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

August 22
Pray for Peace community gathering, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Church of Salado, 101 Salado Plaza Dr. Open to all.

August 22
Village of Salado Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget, 6:30 p.m., Village Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

August 22
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Ryan Lawless.

August 23
RAW (Royal Street art walk) Live music by Dalton Gazette 7 p.m. at Provecho.

August 23
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Skyler Lutes Reggae.

August 23
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Mitchell Crane.

August 23-24
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August 24
Live music at Axis Winery, 5-8 p.m., featuring Collin Boutwell.

August 24
DJ Sammy G on the patio of Provecho, 109 Royal St., 7 p.m. Drinks and appetizer specials. **August 24**

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Kelany Brent.

August 24
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Dreamsterro.

August 25
Live Music at Axis Winery, 3-5 p.m., Jack Comeaux.

August 25
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Matt LeSeur.

August 26
Village of Salado Public Hearing on proposed tax rate of \$0.4860 per \$100 valuation, 6:30 p.m., Village Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. The \$0.4860 tax rate is composed of \$0.3019 for maintenance and operation and \$0.1841 for debt service.

August 26
Tapas Date Night class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn to create delicious Spanish small plates with guidance from our expert chef. This hands-on experience is perfect for couples, offering fun, flavor, and unforgettable memories. \$75. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

August 26
Salado American Legion Meeting, Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

August 28
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Simply Porkfection.

August 28
Word out Wednesday at Provecho, featuring Thomas Arnold PTO. 10% of proceeds benefit the WOW group.

August 29
Live music at Barrow



September 20
Rodney Atkins at Johnny's Outback. Gates at 6 p.m., music starts at 7:45 p.m. Order tickets online at <https://johnnystx.com/tickets-info>. \$30 general admission standing room only; \$35 day of show. \$60 - Reserved Pit - Stage Front (Standing Room Only). \$600 - Reserved Table of 6 (Tables are Stage Side not in front of stage).

Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Derek Flores.

August 30
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Josh Jaccard.

August 31
Live music at Axis Winery, 5-8 p.m., featuring Wayworn Traveller.

August 31
Live music by Denny Cullinan and Amanda Brown at Provecho, 7 p.m.

August 31
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Brad Good.

September 7
Vincent Neil Emerson at Johnny's Outback. Gates at 6 p.m., music starts at 7:45 p.m. Order tickets online at <https://johnnystx.com/tickets-info>. \$20 general admission standing room only; \$25 day of show. \$40 lawn seating; bring your own lawnchair. No Oversized Chairs, No Director Chairs, No Canopy Chairs Permitted. \$40 - Reserved Pit - Stage Front (Standing Room Only). \$300 - Reserved Table of 6 (Tables are Stage Side not in front of stage).

September 12
Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or \$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, Morocco.

September 16
Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

September 16
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

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front of stage).

October 5
Sirenafest Kids' Extravaganza, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pace Park. This is a free event with free booth spaces for vendors/businesses/individuals who will provide kid-friendly activities in their spaces. Alcohol free, family-friendly event. Learn more at https://www.sirenafest.org/sirena-fest-2024.html#.

October 5
Salado Youth Fair Boosters Annual Reverse Raffle, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Trail center.

October 10
Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or

\$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, Hamburg, Germany.

October 10-13
Texas Angus Autumn Classic Sale, Tenroc Ranch.

October 11-13
Salado Ladies Community League 45th Christmas in October Jingle Walk. October 11-12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. October 13, noon-4 p.m. The

Jingle Walk allows participants to walk along the Salado "Magic Mile" and shop locally for lovely clothing and unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on their Christmas list. Each \$30 Passport entitles participants to collect a special gift from each of the participating businesses that are visited during the shopping days. Shoppers who visit all of the participating shops

will be eligible for a gift basket with items from business in Salado. There will only be 250 Passports available for this event and may be purchased online starting Sept. 1. Log onto Central Texas Tickets Website, [centraltexas-tickets.com](https://www.centraltexas-tickets.com) and click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event. As a 501(c)3, all proceeds are returned to the community through grants



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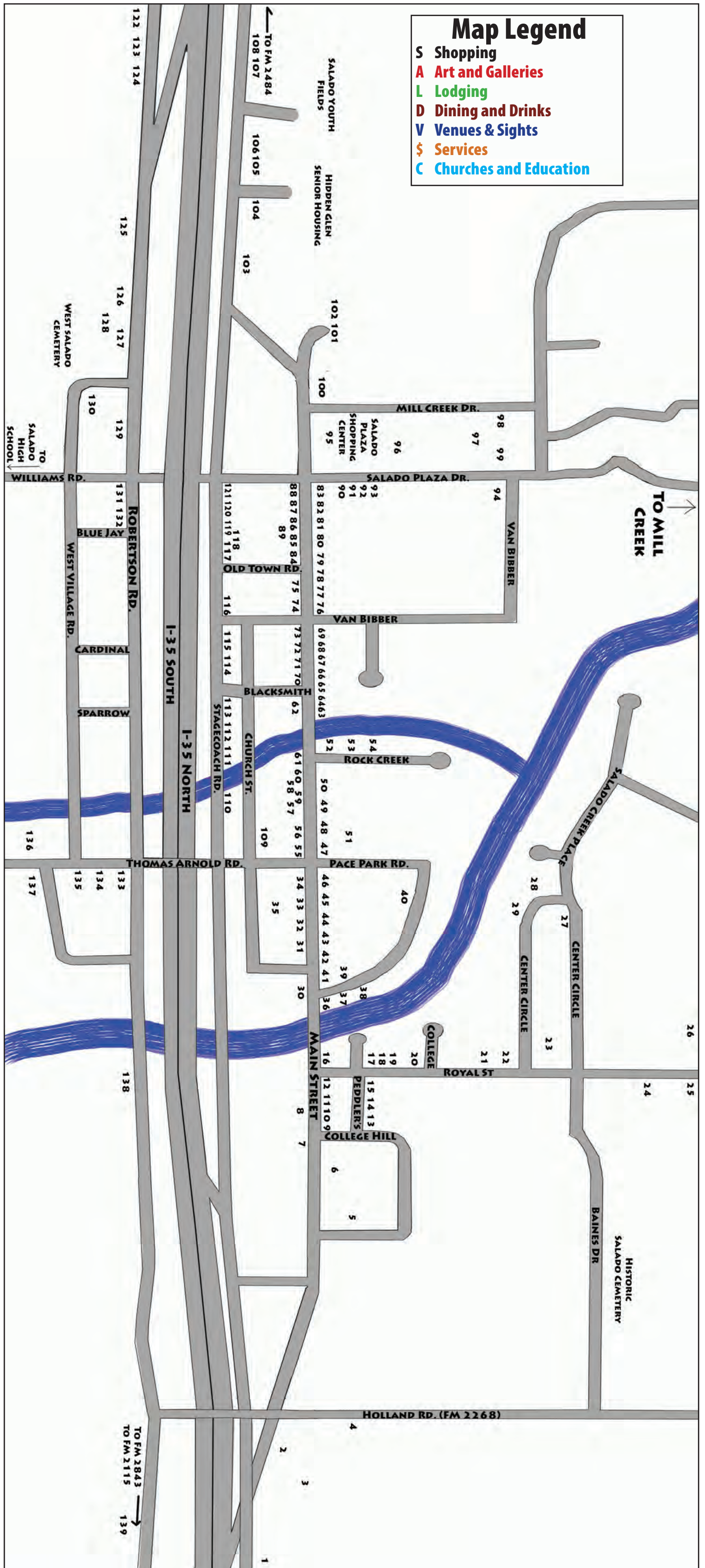
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1	Salado Collison Center 254-947-0380	\$
4	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037	C
6	Salado College Park	V
7	Raney & Assoc. Real Estate 254-913-1215	\$
8	StageCoach Inn 254-947-5111	D/L
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	V
	Salado Visitors Center & Tourism 254-947-8634	\$
	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040	\$
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Provecho 254-308-2098	D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
	Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	S
19	TEX28 Outfitters 254-545-9978	S
21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
	Village Spa 254-293-6600	S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
24	Tablerock	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	C
29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	D
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	Farmers Insurance 254-947-0995	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060	V
48	Nancy Best Real Estate 512-571-1259	\$
48	Salado Luxury Properties 254-526-6611	\$
56	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center 254-308-2027	\$
76	Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479	\$
78	Star Nails and Spa 254-308-2084	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160	C
84	Old Town Salado	
85	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Plaza Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222	\$
	Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933	\$
	Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173	\$
	Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321	\$
100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
100	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Salado Public Library	C
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
122	Bell County Annex	\$
124	Axis Winery 254-308-2016	D
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
133	Johnny's Steaks & BBQ 254-947-4663	D
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium	C
137	Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness) 254-541-5659	\$
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
Not Shown on the Map		
	New Life Methodist Church meets at Salado Middle School	C
	3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211	C
	Grace Church 254-947-5917	C
	Heritage Country Church 254-239-7106	C
	Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698	V
	Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063	S



Historical Markers in Salado

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| 6. Salado Historic College Hill | 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion | 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge |
| 8. Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn) | 26. Old Methodist Chapel | 45. The Anderson House | 49. The Vickrey House |
| 8. Main Street Bridge | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House | 46. Old Saloon | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. The Norton-Orgain House | 77. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 23. The Baines House | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 50. The Barton House | 79. The Reed Cabin |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 30. First Baptist Church | 51. The Levi Tenney House | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |
| | 31. The Tyler House | 55. The Armstrong Adams House | |

SHS student organizes 5K run for childhood cancer awareness

One of our high school students, Segiv Eldridge, has organized a 5K run/walk for childhood cancer awareness. The 5K will take place on Saturday, September 21, at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to Baylor Scott & White McLane Cancer Center and the Ronald McDonald House. This 5K is dedicated to supporting two of our Salado elementary school students who are bravely stepping through the journey of healing and battling cancer.

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



More information and online registration is available at the following website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Salado/ItTakesAVillageChildhoodCancerAwarenessK>

Segiv is also looking for

sponsors. You are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org if you are interested in being a sponsor or making a donation towards this event. Sponsors will be featured on the 5K t-shirts.

Salado Winner of Bell County Law Day and State Bar of Texas Scholarship

Sawyer Roach recently competed in the 2024 Bell County Law Day Scholarship contest. Her essay titled, "A Snapshot of Democracy," placed first and earned her a \$1,500.00 scholarship awarded by the Bell County Young Lawyers Association. Sawyer's winning essay was then submitted to the State Bar of Texas competition, where she also won first place and was awarded an additional \$1,000 scholarship.

This June, Sawyer graduated in the top ten percent and Summa cum laude from Salado High School. She served as Vice-President of National Honor Society, a member of Astra Club, WIT Club (Workforce in Training), Salado Marching Band and a seven year member of Salado 4-H. In addition, Sawyer was also the Feature Twirler for Salado High School and a four year UIL Texas State Twirling qualifier. On May



Sawyer Roach, pictured with Alejandro Lopez, President of the Bell County Young Lawyers. (COURTESY PHOTO)

27, she brought home a first division and gold medal for her no-drop, three baton UIL performance.

Sawyer says that she is excited to continue her

higher education at Texas A&M University this fall where she will study Biomedical Science with plans to become a pediatrician.

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Lady Eagles start volleyball with win

Salado Lady Eagles beat 6A Stony Point Tigers on the road in five sets, 25-21, 20-25, 15-25, 25-22 and 15-9 to start their season Aug. 12. Elsie Law led the girls with 11 kills while Mazzy Johnson and Kael Wilcox each had 10 kills. Johnson led the girls with 21 digs and Shelby Hollywood had 17.

Clockwise from above: Karlee Konarik sets, Payton Ortega attacks and Elsie Law bumps.

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Salado ISD welcomes 2,400 students for first day of class

Salado students returned to school on Aug. 14. The district had an enrollment of 2,400 students the day before classes began.

The first nine week period will run through Oct. 11 with an early release day. Students and teachers will have a weeklong holiday Oct. 14-18. Students and teacher also have Labor Day holiday Sept. 2 during the first nine weeks.

The second nine weeks ends with the Christmas break on an early release day Dec. 20.

STAAR Assessment dates are Dec. 3-Dec. 16. End-of-Course (EOC) Retests are Dec. 3-13.

Students return to class on Jan. 8. Parent Teacher conference is Jan. 7.

Student-Teacher holiday will be Jan. 20 and Feb. 17. Bad Weather Holiday is Jan. 14.

The third nine weeks ends with an early release on March 14.

Spring Break will be March 17-21.

The fourth nine weeks runs from March 24 through an early release on May 22. Student Teacher holiday is April 18 and Bad Weather holiday is April 21.

STAAR Alt 2 testing will be March 17-April 18 for all campuses.

Salado High School will have EOC Testing in April and May with Retests in June.

EOC Testing for English II and II will be April 15-25.

EOC for Biology and US History will be April 22-May 2.

EOC Testing for Algebra I, US History and Biology will be April 29-May 9.

EOC Retests will be June 17-27.

Salado Middle School will have STAAR testing in April and May. Reading for sixth through eighth grades will be April 15-25.

Science and Social Studies testing for eighth graders will be April 22-May 2.

Math (sixth through eighth) and Algebra 1 testing will be April 29-May 9.

Thomas Arnold Elementary STARR Testing will be in April and May.

Reading for third through fifth graders will be April 15-25.

Science for fifth graders will be April 22-May 2.

Math for third-fifth graders will be April 29-May 9.

Students release early on May 22.

Salado ISD First Day Enrollment

	Aug. 15, 2022	Aug. 18, 2023	Aug. 13, 2024
Thomas Arnold Elementary	979	1,003	1,033
Early Education	2	2	2
PreK-3	10	12	18
PreK-4	41	31	43
Kindergarten	130	155	141
1st grade	143	139	160
2nd grade	181	146	150
3rd grade	146	190	153
4th grade	172	156	202
5th grade	154	172	164
Middle School	585	590	590
6th grade	194	169	177
7th grade	214	212	187
8th grade	177	209	226
High School	704	726	777
9th grade	187	192	222
10th grade	179	184	194
11th grade	177	179	183
12th grade	161	171	178
Total	2,268	2,319	2,400

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Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate but does not exceed the de minimis rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §§26.06(b-1) and 26.063(c).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

A tax rate of \$0.4860 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of VILLAGE OF SALADO.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.4860 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.3711 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.3612 per \$100

DE MINIMUS RATE: \$0.4865 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for VILLAGE OF SALADO from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that VILLAGE OF SALADO may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for VILLAGE OF SALADO exceeds the voter-approval rate for VILLAGE OF SALADO.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for VILLAGE OF SALADO the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for VILLAGE OF SALADO.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that VILLAGE OF SALADO is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/26/2024 (CT) 06:30 PM (CT) at Salado Municipal Bldg, 301 North Stagecoach, Salado, TX

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If VILLAGE OF SALADO adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the VILLAGE OF SALADO may petition the VILLAGE OF SALADO to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the VILLAGE OF SALADO will be the voter-approval tax rate of the VILLAGE OF SALADO.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Aldermen: Michael MacDonald, Jasen Graham, Zach Hurst

AGAINST the proposal: Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Bell

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Bert Henry

ABSENT:

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

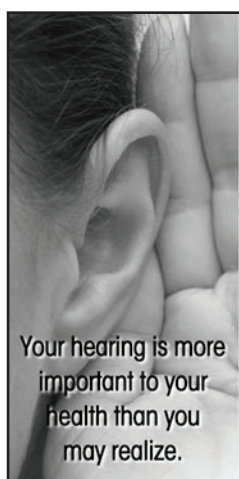
The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by VILLAGE OF SALADO last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by VILLAGE OF SALADO this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3947	\$0.4860	23.13% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$312,263	\$350,015	12.08% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$1,232	\$1,701	38.01% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,247,088	\$1,851,555	48.47% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for VILLAGE OF SALADO at (254) 939-5841 or customerservice@bellcad.org, or visit www.bellcad.org for more information.

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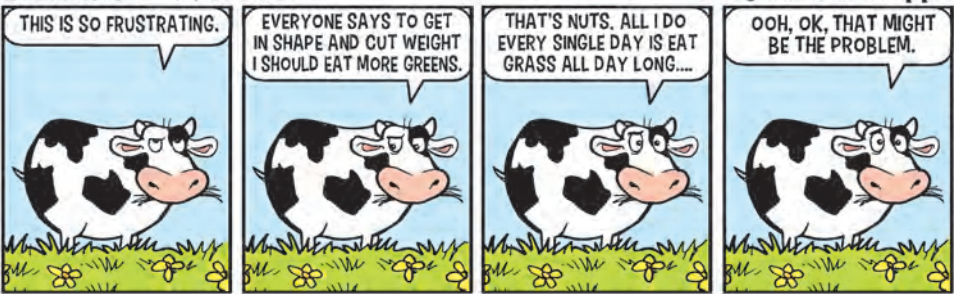
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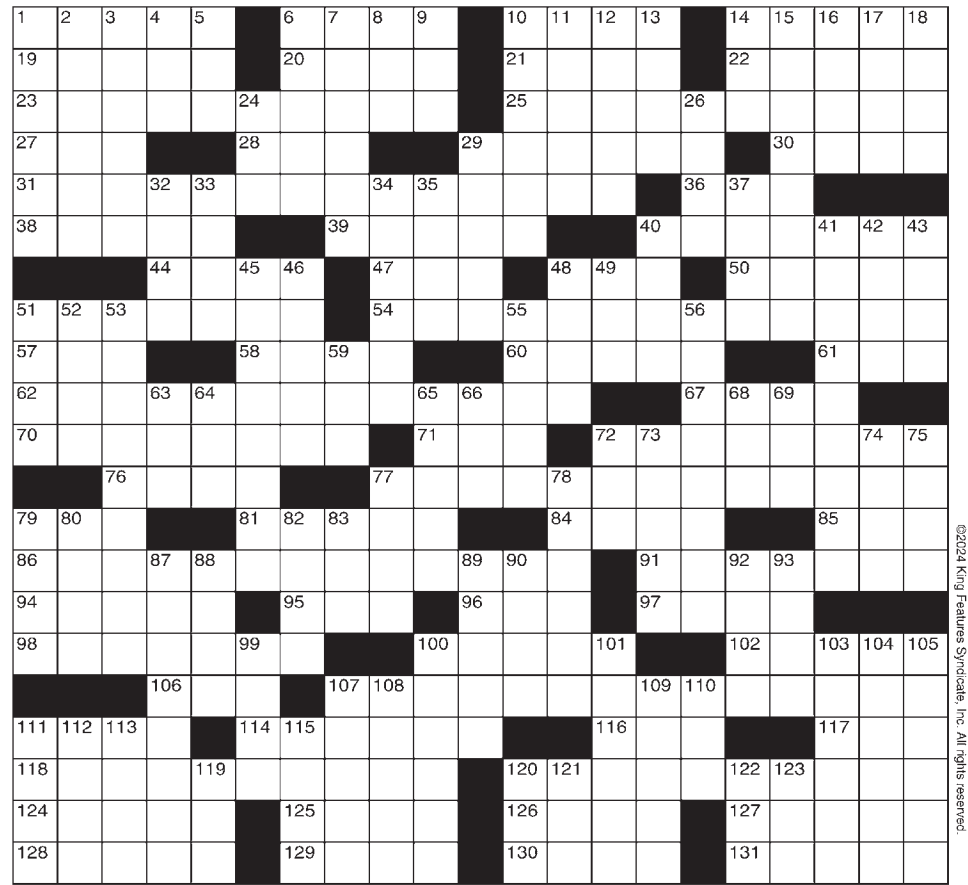


The Spats



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big name in health insurance
 - 6 2010 Apple debut
 - 10 Love to excess, with "on"
 - 14 "Get lost!"
 - 19 Park for mobile campers
 - 20 Reuben offerer
 - 21 "Bejabbers!"
 - 22 Sycophant
 - 23 Welcome words to a job applicant
 - 25 House badly in need of repairs
 - 27 Bake-off dish
 - 28 York of art
 - 29 Floor layers
 - 30 Active Sicilian volcano
 - 31 Tampa Bay Rays' stadium
 - 36 Org. for some ex-GIs
 - 38 Tijuana Mr.
 - 39 Makeup of Hawaii
 - 40 Yellow-orange fruit
 - 44 Bed for sushi
 - 47 —wester
 - 48 Fish feature
 - 50 Prefix with botany
 - 51 Dean of Truman's Cabinet
 - 54 Agreed-upon time
 - 57 Hitler Gehrig
 - 58 African land
 - 60 Phonies
 - 61 Pre-U queue
 - 62 Liberalism
 - 67 Low-key "Hey!"
 - 70 Ram hard
 - 71 Winter hrs. in D.C.
 - 72 Haifa citizens
 - 76 "Doggone it!"
 - 77 Additional plateful
 - 79 Lupino of "High Sierra"
 - 81 Trifled (with)
 - 84 Purposes
 - 85 D.C.
 - 86 Certain
 - 88 Certain role-playing game organizer
 - 91 Gives, as duties
 - 94 Spanish national hero
 - 95 Part of ENT
 - 96 Ar-tee linkup
 - 97 Dandy dudes
 - 98 Dismissive facial reaction
 - 100 One — (long odds)
 - 102 Delta rival, once
 - 106 Gallic pal
 - 107 Spread on "Bonanza"
 - 111 End-of-workweek cry
 - 114 Formulas of belief
 - 116 LA-to-IL dir.
 - 117 "Kitchy-kitchy- —!"
 - 118 Appliance that cooks batter
 - 120 In advance ... or where nine key words in this puzzle might appear
 - 124 Whether by land —
 - 125 With 112-Down, she had a "Tootsie" role
 - 126 Sheik, e.g.
 - 127 One of the Osmonds
 - 128 Smelting waste
 - 129 Deputy: Abbr.
 - 130 "Doggone it!"
 - 131 1998 Apple debuts
 - 1 Underground vaults
 - 2 Afrique's Côte d'—
 - 3 Attach using paste
 - 4 Fish-fowl link
 - 5 Devoured
 - 6 "Let It Go" singer
 - 7 Italian beer brand
 - 8 British beer
 - 9 Pulled off
 - 10 Disobeys
 - 11 "Darby — and the Little People"
 - 12 Levied
 - 13 Broadway singer Linda
 - 14 "Disco" cartoon guy
 - 15 Manage, as a problem
 - 16 Engrossed
 - 17 City in Yemen
 - 18 Gore Vidal's Breckinridge
 - 24 Ad —
 - 26 Reply to an invite
 - 29 Traffic snarl
 - 32 Skin opening
 - 33 Pupil locale
 - 34 Really rail at
 - 35 Dud
 - 37 Mr. Flintstone
 - 40 Feed the kitty
 - 41 Chuckling with glee
 - 42 Big burden
 - 43 Civil wrong
 - 46 Ratify
 - 48 Royal decree
 - 49 Writing fluid
 - 51 Swiss peaks
 - 52 "Neat!"
 - 53 Luau entertainment
 - 55 Departing for
 - 56 Potent coffee
 - 59 Language akin to Thai
 - 63 "— bad boy!"
 - 64 Bronze metal
 - 65 West
 - 66 Key near F1
 - 68 Mineo of film
 - 69 Month no. 9
 - 72 SSNs, e.g.
 - 73 Paper bundle
 - 74 — instant (very quickly)
 - 75 Some NCOs
 - 77 Scorch
 - 78 Baby's bottle
 - 79 Notion, to Luc
 - 80 "— noted"
 - 82 "The — lama, he's a priest"
 - 83 Sumac of song
 - 87 World's tallest creatures
 - 88 Ancient Dead Sea region
 - 89 Takes care of
 - 90 Punta del —
 - 92 San Antonio hoopster
 - 93 "Insecure"
 - 94 co-star Rae
 - 99 Dog pests
 - 100 Part of the conspiracy
 - 101 Diet-friendly, maybe
 - 103 Turkey's capital
 - 104 Like sacred images
 - 105 — Scholar
 - 107 French for "fathers"
 - 108 Bad smells
 - 109 Uppity types
 - 110 — Lingus
 - 111 Having length and width but not depth, for short
 - 112 See
 - 125-Across
 - 113 "In case it's true ..."
 - 115 Poet Dove
 - 119 Part of UNLV
 - 120 Watering hole
 - 121 Notable period of time
 - 122 Former big record co.
 - 123 Enter tree



Contract Bridge

A RARE PLAY

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ 8 6
- ♥ Q 10
- ♦ A J 9 8 3
- ♣ 8 5 4 2

EAST

- ♠ J 10 7 5
- ♥ A K 9 4
- ♦ 10 7 2
- ♣ 10 3

SOUTH

- ♠ A K Q 4 2
- ♥ 8
- ♦ K Q 5
- ♣ A Q 9 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — five of hearts.

required. Consider this case where West led a heart against four spades.

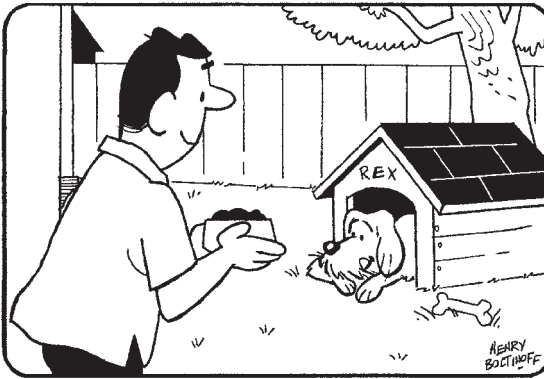
East won with the king and continued with the ace, ruffed by South. Hoping to find the missing trumps divided 3-3, declarer played the A-K-Q of spades. When West showed out on the third round, South was on the way to defeat. He cashed the K-Q-A of diamonds, after which it made little difference whether he played another diamond or tried a club finesse. Either way, he would score only nine tricks — five spades, three diamonds and a club — to go down one.

If declarer had looked beyond the obvious, he might have hit upon leading a low trump from his hand after ruffing the heart continuation at trick two! Once this thought is conceived, its virtues become manifest. It assures the contract against a 3-3 or 4-2 trump division, and also allows declarer to maintain control of the trump suit, since a third heart lead can be ruffed in dummy.

Certainly the low trump lead at trick three from a holding of A-K-Q-4 is not an obvious play to make. But that should not stop one from making a play that has a clear-cut advantage. The difficult part is to think of it, but once declarer gets over that hurdle, everything falls into place.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shingles are different. 2. Bowl is larger. 3. Doghouse opening is different. 4. Bottom of shirt is different. 5. Paw is moved. 6. Finger is moved.

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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin prefix "audio-" mean in English?
- TELEVISION: Gladys Kravitz is the annoying neighbor in which TV comedy?
- ANATOMY: About how many taste buds does the average human tongue have?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Brandenburg Gate is in which European capital city?
- HISTORY: Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during WWII?
- MOVIES: Which movie features the line "I'm in the king of the world!"?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Egyptian sun god?
- LITERATURE: "The Great Gatsby" is set in which U.S. city?
- MONEY: What is the basic currency of Poland?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which country is associated with the side dish kimchi?

Answers

- "Sound" or "hearing" (e.g. "audiophile").
- "Bewitched."
- 2,000-8,000.
- Berlin, Germany.
- Joseph Stalin.
- "Titanic."
- Ra.
- New York.
- Zloty.
- Korea (North and South).

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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The proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$569,763.94 or 44.45% and of that amount \$205,031.98 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The public is urged to attend and express their views at this hearing. The public is also encouraged to review the Village's proposed budget on the Village of Salado website at www.saladotx.gov under the News and Announcements tab. A paper copy of the budget may be viewed in the City Secretary's office at 301 N. Stagecoach, Salado, TX 76571.

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08/04	S IH 35 SERVICE RD, Bell	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/04	FM1670 & Amity Rd, Bell	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/04	GUESS DR, Salado	Assist invalid
08/05	INDIAN TRL, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/05	S IH 35 SERVICE RD, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
08/05	RIDGECREST DR, Salado	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/05	S IH 35 SERVICE RD, Salado	Passenger vehicle fire
08/05	Interstate 35, Belton	Grass fire
08/05	MARY LN, Salado	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/05	FM 2484, Bell	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address
08/06	CLIFF CIR, Salado	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/06	N MAIN ST, Salado	Road freight or transport vehicle fire
08/06	N ROBERTSON RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/06	FM 2484, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/07	FM 2268, Salado	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address
08/07	4596 Simmons Rd., Belton	Water vehicle fire
08/07	S IH 35 SERVICE RD, Belton	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/07	ELM GROVE SPUR, Bell	Grass fire
08/07	COLLINS CREEK DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/07	BAINES ST, Salado	Outside equipment fire
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08/07	FOX RD, Bell	Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire
08/08	CENTER CIR, Salado	Authorized controlled burning
08/08	IH 35 SB Exit 280, Salado	False alarm or false call, other
08/08	SB 35 Exit 280, Bell	False alarm or false call, other
08/08	SHADY GROVE LN, Bell	Grass fire
08/08	UNION GROVE PARK RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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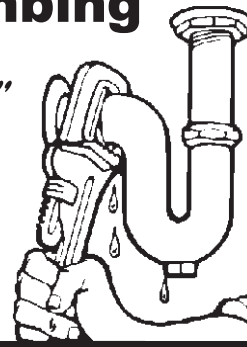
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